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RE:

Crawford Generating Station

3501 South Pulaski Road

Chicago, Illinois

Request for Information

Dear Sir or Madam:

U.S. EPA is seeking to obtain information from you pursuant to its authority under Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604(e), for the purpose of enforcing CERCLA. The Administrator of the U.S. EPA has the authority to require any person who has or may have information relevant to any of the following to furnish U.S. EPA with such information: (1) the identification, nature or quantity of materials which have been or are generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, or transported to, a facility; (2) the nature or extent of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant at or from a facility; and (3) the ability of a person to pay for or perform a cleanup. Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA, you are hereby requested to submit the information concerning the Crawford Generating Station in ten (10) days of your receipt of this letter. Instructions on how to respond to the questions in Attachment B to this document are described in Attachment A.

This request is directed to your company, its officers, directors, and employees, and its subsidiaries, divisions, facilities and their officers, directors, and employees. The information sought herein must be sent to U.S. EPA within ten (10) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Failure to respond fully and truthfully to this request, or to adequately justify any failure to respond, may result in an enforcement action against you by U.S. EPA under Section 104 of CERCLA, as amended. The information requested herein must be provided notwithstanding its possible characterization as confidential information or trade secrets. You may request however, that any such information be handled as confidential business information by following the procedures outlined in Attachment A, including the requirement for supporting your claim for confidentiality. A request for confidential treatment must be made when the information is provided, since any information not so identified will not be accorded this protection by the U.S. EPA. Information claimed as confidential will be handled in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

The written statements submitted pursuant to this request must be notarized and submitted under an authorized signature certifying that all information contained therein is true and accurate to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. Moreover, any documents submitted to U.S. EPA pursuant to this information request should be certified as true and authentic to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. Should the signatory find, at any time after the submittal of the requested information, that any portion of the submitted information is false, the signatory should so notify U.S. EPA. If any answer certified as true should be found to be untrue, the signatory can and may be prosecuted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1001. The U.S. EPA has the authority to use the information requested herein in any administrative, civil or criminal action.

Your response to the information request should be sent within 10 days of your receipt of this letter to:

Peter Felitti U.S. EPA - Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel C-14J 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 60604

If you need further information regarding this letter or have any legal questions, please contact Peter Felitti, of the Office of Regional Counsel at (312) 886-5114.

Sincerely yours,

Connie Puchalski Section Chief

Attachment A Information Request

Instructions

- 1. <u>Answer Every Question Completely.</u> A separate response must be made to each of the questions set forth in this Information Request. For each question contained in this letter, if information responsive to this Information Request is not in your possession, custody, or control, please identify the person(s) from whom such information may be obtained.
- 2. <u>Number Each Answer.</u> Precede each answer with the corresponding number of the question and the subpart to which it responds.
- 3. <u>Provide the Best Information Available.</u> Provide responses to the best of Respondent's ability, even if the information sought was never put down in writing or if the written documents are no longer available. You should seek out responsive information from current and former employees/agents. Submission of cursory responses when other responsive information is available to the Respondent will be considered non-compliance with this Information Request.
- 4. <u>Identify Sources of Answer.</u> For each question, identify (see Definitions) all the persons and documents that you relied on in producing your answer.
- 5. <u>Continuing Obligation to Provide/Correct Information.</u> If additional information or documents responsive to this Request become known or available to you after you respond to this Request, U.S. EPA hereby requests pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA that you supplement your response to U.S. EPA.
- 6. <u>Confidential Information</u>. The information requested herein must be provided even though you may contend that it includes confidential information or trade secrets. You may assert a confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, pursuant to Sections 104(e)(7)(E) and (F) of CERCLA, 42.U.S.C. §§9604(e)(7)(E) and (F), and Section 3007(b) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §6927(b), and 40 C.F.R. §2.203(b).

If you make a claim of confidentiality for any of the information you submit to U.S. EPA, you must prove that claim. For each document or response you claim confidential, you must separately address the following points:

- a. the portions of the information alleged to be entitled to confidential treatment;
- b. the period of time for which confidential treatment is desired (e.g., until a certain date, until the occurrence of a specific event, or permanently);

- c. measures taken by you to guard against the undesired disclosure of the information to others;
- d. the extent to which the information has been disclosed to others; and the precautions taken in connection therewith;
- e. pertinent confidentiality determinations, if any, by U.S. EPA or other federal agencies, and a copy of any such determinations or reference to them, if available; and
- f. whether you assert that disclosure of the information would likely result in substantial harmful effects on your business' competitive position, and if so, what those harmful effects would be, why they should be viewed as substantial, and an explanation of the causal relationship between disclosure and such harmful effects.

To make a confidentiality claim, please stamp or type "confidential" on all confidential responses and any related confidential documents. Confidential portions of otherwise nonconfidential documents should be clearly identified. You should indicate a date, if any, after which the information need no longer be treated as confidential. Please submit your response so that all non-confidential information, including any redacted versions of documents, is in one envelope and all materials for which you desire confidential treatment are in another envelope.

All confidentiality claims are subject to U.S. EPA verification. It is important that you satisfactorily show that you have taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the information and that you intend to continue to do so, and that it is not and has not been obtainable by legitimate means without your consent. Information covered by such claim will be disclosed by U.S. EPA only to the extent permitted by Section 104(e) of CERCLA. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by U.S. EPA, then it may be made available to the public by U.S. EPA without further notice to you.

- 7. <u>Disclosure to U.S. EPA Contractor</u>. Information which you submit in response to this Information Request may be disclosed by U.S. EPA to authorized representatives of the United States, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §2.310(h), even if you assert that all or part of it is confidential business information. Please be advised that U.S. EPA may disclose all responses to this Information Request to one or more of its private contractors for the purpose of organizing and/or analyzing the information contained in the responses to this Information Request. If you are submitting information which you assert is entitled to treatment as confidential business information, you may comment on this intended disclosure within fourteen days of receiving this Information Request.
- 8. <u>Personal Privacy Information.</u> Personnel and medical files, and similar files, the disclosure of which to the general public may constitute an invasion of privacy, should be segregated from your responses, included on separate sheet(s), and marked as "Personal Privacy Information."

9. <u>Objections to Questions.</u> If you have objections to some or all the questions within the Information Request letter, you are still required to respond to each of the questions.

Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to the following words as they appear in this Information Request.

- 1. The term "documents" includes any written, recorded, computer-generated, or visually or aurally reproduced material of any kind in any medium in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist, including originals, all prior drafts, and all non-identical copies.
- 2. The term "identify" means, with respect to a natural person, to set forth: (a) the person's full name; (b) present or last known business and home addresses and telephone numbers; (c) present or last known employer (include full name and address) with title, position or business.
- 3. With respect to a corporation, partnership, or other business entity (including a sole proprietorship), the term "identify" means to provide its full name, address, and affiliation with the individual and/or company to whom/which this request is addressed.
- 4. The term "person" shall include any individual, firm, unincorporated association, partnership, corporation, trust, or other entity.
- 5. The term "waste" or "wastes" shall mean and include trash, garbage, refuse, by-products, solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous substances, and pollutants or contaminants, whether solid, liquid, or sludge, including but not limited to containers for temporary or permanent holding of such wastes.
- 6. The term "Site" shall mean the property located at 3501 South Pulaski Road in Chicago, Illinois.
- 7. The term "you" or "Respondent" means Midwest Generation or ComEd.

Attachment B

Requests

- 1. Provide copies of any Phase I, Phase II or any other report or document regarding any investigation and/or sampling of the soil, subsurface soil, groundwater, or air conducted by or for you or conducted by any another party since 1995 at the Site.
- 2. Provide copies of any Phase I, Phase II or any other report or document regarding any investigation and/or sampling of the soil, subsurface soil, groundwater, or air conducted by or for you or conducted by any another party since 1995 at any location off Site regarding potential or actual releases from the Site.

Service List

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